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Al-Hoor-Al-Ayn

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Al-Hoor-al-ayn

They will be reclining on thrones lined up, and We will marry them to fair women with large, [beautiful] eyes.
(Surah At-Tur, 20)

The temporary life of this world is a great test for man. Temptations are many and man is weak. Of all the temptations, the temptation relating to the opposite sex is the highest. For those people who restrain and control the desires of the *nafs* in this world, Allah ﷻ has promised immense rewards in the *Akrah* (hereafter). Man sometimes forgets these rewards and becomes inclined to sin; Minor sins then become Major sins. If he is reminded about these rewards, his resolve to control the *nafs* becomes stronger and more vigorous. It becomes easier to sacrifice the desires in view of these great rewards of the Hereafter. Besides the promise these eternal rewards of the Hereafter, there is little that can control the desires of man, especially the desires of the youth. By reading and pondering about the bounties of paradise and its beautiful virgins, the youth will feel a renewed vigour to fight the carnal desires and strive for the pleasure of Allah ﷻ by doing righteous deeds.

Furthermore, the beauty of the women of this world will appear pale and insignificant before the beauty of those stunning damsels of paradise.

There is a lot of difference between receiving a reward and created for reward. The Hoor-al-ayns have been created as a reward for people of paradise, with whom they shall live for eternity and fulfil their sexual desires. These celestial women have been specially created for the people as a reward. In the Qur'an and Hadith, we find a lot of description of the Hoor-al-ayns, which will be discussed in the following pages, Inshallah

Defination of the Hoor :

“Very fair females created by Allah as such not from the off-spring of Adam, with intense black irises of their eyes and intense white sclera”.

A houri (Hoor-al-ayn / hur) will only be devoted to their husbands. They just programmed to love their husbands.

“Loving (their husbands) only, and of equal age” (Surah Al-Waqia , 37)

Allah ﷻ has made these women devoted and loving to their husbands only. They will not desire anyone else and will not even raise their eyes to look at anyone else besides their husbands. They will be chaste, and they would know the true meaning of love and will have the ability to put it into practice. The women of paradise will also have the same age as their husbands so that they can relate to each other better and have a perfect relationship.

“And full-breasted [companions] of equal age” (Surah An-Naba, 33)

The breasts of these women will be round like pomegranates and they will never sag down because these women will never become old. This shows that these women will be mature and beautiful. Of course they will be more beautiful than any Cover Girl or Top Model of this World.

They are of a special creation; it is narrated from Ibn Abbas ؓ, Anas ؓ, that the hurs will be created from saffron. Saffron is an orange-coloured product extracted from a flower and it is used to add colour and flavour to food.

When the present creation of mankind (which is created from sand) has the best of forms and beauty, then can you imagine the beauty of women created from saffron?

“And they shall have therein purified spouses, and they will abide therein eternally.”

(Surah Al-Baqarah, 25)

Allah ﷻ tells us that the Hoor-al-ayns are purified from menstruation, urine, spit, post-natal bleeding, they are not afflicted with any of these matters. But also, their manners, breaths, words, clothes and temperaments, and characteristics are purified.

“Indeed, We have produced the women of Paradise in a [new] creation, And made them virgins.”

(Surah Al-Waqia, 35-36)

After being aged and weak in the world, the women referred to in the verse are created again by Allah, so that they become young, fresh virgins in Paradise.

Allah ﷻ will make the old women into young women and non-virgins into virgins. No matter how their appearance was in the world, Allah will make them all beautiful and good looking in accordance to the beauty of paradise. Allah ﷻ will make the women of this world more beautiful and attractive than the hurs.

Umm Salamah ؓ narrates that she said to Rasulullah ﷺ: “O Rasulullah, are the women of this world superior or the hurs?” He ﷺ replied, **“The women of this world will have superiority over the hurs just as the outer lining of a garment has superiority over the inner lining.”** Umm Salamah ؓ then asked, “O Rasulullah, what is the reason for this?” He ﷺ answered, “Because they performed Salah, fasted, and worshipped Allah ﷻ. Allah will put light on their faces and silk on their bodies.

The human women will be fair in complexion and will wear green clothing and yellow jewellery. Their incense-burners will be made of pearls, and their combs will be of gold.”

[Tabarani]

The Prophet ﷺ said, “If a houri looks down from her abode in heaven onto the earth, the whole distance (space) shall be filled with light and fragrance. A houri’s face is more radiant than a mirror, and one can see one’s image in her cheek. The marrow of her shins is visible to the eyes.”

[Mishkat]

The Prophet ﷺ said: “A houri is a most beautiful young woman with a transparent body. The marrow of her bones is visible like the interior lines of pearls and rubies. She looks like red wine in a white glass. She is of white colour, and free from the routine physical disabilities of an ordinary woman such as menstruation, menopause, urinal and offal discharge, child bearing and the related pollution. A houri is a girl of tender age, having large breasts which are round (pointed), and not inclined to dangle. Houris dwell in palaces of splendid surroundings.”

[Tirmidhee]

Anas ؓ narrates that Rasulullah ﷺ said, “.... A hand-span or a whip’s length of paradise is better than the world and all it contains. If one woman of paradise were to glance towards the earth, she would fill the space between the earth and the sky with light and perfume. The scarf on her head is better than the world and all it contains.”

If just a small part of paradise is better than the world and all it contains, then how will the rest of paradise and all its pleasures be? Also, if just the scarf on the head of one woman of paradise is better than the world and all it contains, then how valuable is the woman herself?

A human being has his own understanding of beauty which is confined to his limited and deficient knowledge. Allah in his infinite knowledge and wisdom- has described the women of paradise as beautiful, so we can imagine how beautiful these women must be!

Rasulullah ﷺ was asked regarding sexual intercourse in Paradise. He ﷺ said, "It will be with a powerful desire and a penis which does not tire. Definitely, a person will have sex with a woman for **40 years**. [During this time] he will not move away and nor will he tire. He will have sexual intercourse as much as his soul will desire and his eyes will find pleasure in."

Every person in Jannah will be given the power of 100 men in eating, drinking, and sexual intercourse. The person of this world is impotent when compared with a person from paradise. Since a person will have many wives in paradise, Allah will increase the sexual power of the men of paradise so that they can completely satisfy their desires.

Narrated from Abu Hurairah ؓ that the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was asked: "O Rasulallah, Will we touch our wives in heaven? He ﷺ replied: A man will touch 100 virgins a day." *[Tabarani]*

Abu Hurairah ؓ related that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ was asked, "Will we have sexual intercourse in Paradise?" He ﷺ said, "Yes, and by the One who has my soul in His Hand, *Dahman Dahman* (i.e., he will push through with vigor and force), and when he stands up from her, she will return to being a purified virgin."

Whenever a person would go to his wife in paradise, he would find her a virgin. There will be no sperm emission and no death in paradise, because sperm ends the pleasure of sex and death ends the pleasure of life, they are both negated and non-existent in Paradise.

There will be no childbirth in paradise, because there will be no semen. Paradise is a place to enjoy and not to continue the humanity as on earth, however, if one does wish to have a child, he will have one as he pleases.

Some of the characteristics of the Hoor-al-ayn are as follows :

- A houri is a girl of tender age, having large rising breasts which are round, and not inclined to dangle .
- She is of white colour, and free from routine physical disabilities of an ordinary woman such as menstruation, menopause, urinal and offal discharge, child bearing and the related pollution.
- She is a woman characterized by modesty and flexing glances; she never looks at any man except her husband and feels grateful for being the wife of her husband.
- A houri is a most beautiful young woman with a transparent body. The marrow of her bones is visible like the interior lines of pearls and rubies. She looks like a red wine in a white glass.
- A houri is a young woman, free from odium and animosity. Besides, she knows the meaning of love and has the ability to put it into practice.
- A houri is an immortal woman, who does not age. She speaks softly and does not raise voice at her man; she is always reconciled with him. Having been brought up in luxury, she is a luxury herself.
- If a houri looks down from her abode in Heaven onto the earth, the whole distance shall be filled with light and fragrance.
- A houri's face is more radiant than a mirror and one can see one's image in her cheek. The marrow of her shins is visible to the eyes.
- when a man turns his face away from her, she will become 70 times more beautiful in his eyes
- If she were to spit in the salty water of the seven oceans, then all the seven oceans would turn sweeter than honey.
- Houris dwell in palaces of splendid surroundings.
- After having sexual intercourse with her, she will return to be a virgin.

Note :

There will be no Fornication in Paradise as many non-Muslims allege on Islam. The Houris will be married to their husbands, and in such a relation, sexual intercourse is in no way fornication or Adultery.

They will be reclining on thrones lined up, and We will marry them to fair women with large, [beautiful] eyes. (Surah At-Tur, 20)

Men will receive Hurs , what will the women of this world receive instead of the of hurs ?

Whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while he is a believer - We will surely cause him to live a good life, and we will surely give them their reward [in the Hereafter] according to the best of what they used to do. (Surah An-Nahl, 97)

The wives of the believers will stay with their own husbands. Women who never married in this world will be given a choice to get married with any (unmarried) man they wish. If they do not like any of them, a special man will be created for them (similar to the hurs) and Allah ﷻ will join both of them in marriage.

In Paradise, every soul whether male or female will be given what he/she wishes. The males have more sexual urge than the females, to control this urge and to remain chaste in the world, the believers are given the promise of the houris. For both, males / females , Allah has reserved that no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has ever thought about !!


“Is the reward for good [anything] but good?” (Surah Ar-Rahman, 60)

How many wives will a person have in Paradise?

Abu Saeed  narrates that the Messenger of Allah  said,:


“The person who will be in the **lowest level of paradise** will have **80,000 servants** and **72 wives**. A palace made of pearls, emeralds, and rubies will be raised for him [whose length and width] will be the distance between Al-Jabiyah (A city in Syria) and Sana’ (A city in Yemen).”

Ahmad and At-Tirmidhee related it, and each with his respective chain


According to Ibn Kathir (died 1373 CE) in his Holy Quranic commentary (Tafsir) of Surah Al-Rahman (55), verse 72: “The Prophet Muhammad  was heard saying: ‘The **smallest reward for the people of paradise** is an abode where there are **80,000 servants and 72 wives (houris)**, over which stands a dome decorated with pearls, aquamarine, and ruby, as wide as the distance from Al-Jabiyyah [a Damascus suburb] to Sana’a [Yemen]’.”

[Tafsir Ibn Kathir]

The distance between these two cities is approximately 2,150 kilometres. Thus, we can imagine how great and big this palace will be!


Allah’s Apostle  said, “The first group of people who will enter Paradise will be glittering like the moon when it is full. They will not spit or blow their noses or relieve nature. Their utensils will be of gold and their combs of gold and silver; in their centers the aloe wood will be used, and their sweat will smell like musk. Everyone of them will have two wives; the marrow of the bones of the wives’ legs will be seen through the flesh out of excessive beauty. They (i.e. the people of Paradise)will neither have differences nor hatred amongst themselves; their hearts will be as if one heart and they will be glorifying Allah in the morning and in the evening.

[Bukhari and Muslim]

Ibn Hajar  mentions that one interpretation of this hadith is that two is the minimum number of wives a person will have. Another interpretation is that the number two is also used in the Arabic language for a large quantity and greatness of something. Thus, the meaning here is not to fix an exact amount and limit for the number of wives a person will have.

The best interpretation is that the two wives mentioned in this hadith refer to the women of this world and each person will have a minimum of 72 wives; 70 from the hoor-al-ayn, and 2 from the humans.

Doubtless, a believer will have many houris (hoor al-ayn/hoors/hurs) in heaven which are in addition to his worldly wives but exact number is not given. It implies that the people of Paradise will have these wives according to their degree i.e: those who are more pious will get more wives than others but as mentioned in the following Hadith:

Abu Umama  reported that Allah's Messenger  said:

“Allah will not admit anyone in the Paradise but Allah, the Mighty and glorious will marry him with **72 wives**, two will be from virgin houris with big eyes and seventy will be his inheritance from the people of the Hell-Fire*.” Every one of them will have a pleasant vagina and he (the man) will have sexual organ that does not bend down during sexual intercourse (perpetual erection).”

[Ibn Majah, Hadith number 4337]

**The words “out of his inheritance (due) from the denizens of the Fire” in above stated Hadith mean men who will enter the Fire and the inmates of the paradise will inherit their wives.*

He ﷺ, said, “A castle made of pearls, and in that castle there are 70 abodes made of rubies. In each abode there are 70 houses made of green emeralds. In each house there is a bed, and upon every bed there are 70 mattresses, from every colour. And upon every mattress there is a wife from the *Hoor* (fair maidens of Paradise, who have wide, beautiful eyes). In every house there are 70 tables, and upon every table there are 70 colours of food. In every house there are 70 female servants.
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From above mentioned Hadith a simple calculation will show that each believer will get 343,000 wives from hoor al-ayn) i.e. : $70 \times 70 \times 70 = 343,000$ houris
(it could be from the inheritance) , and Allah knows best.

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said :

“Verily, a man from Paradise will recline for 70 years before moving. Then a woman will come to him and strike him on his shoulders. He will look with his face at her cheek, which is purer than a mirror. The smallest pearl upon her illuminates what is between the east and the west. She will give him greetings of peace, and he will respond with greetings of peace. And he will ask her, ‘Who are you?’ Then she will say, “I am from the *Al-Mazeed* (the extra).*”

She will have on her 70 garments... His gaze will pierce through them until he sees the blood marrow of her legs from behind that.”

[Ahmad related it in Al-Musnad]

Al-Mazeed (the extra); ; The people of Paradise, during their eternal life, will get extra rewards, from **Al-Mazeed**.

Kathir Ibn Murrah ؓ says, “Amongst the ‘extra’ bounties of paradise (referring to a verse of the Quran which says, “And we have extra by Us [for the people of paradise] “) is a cloud which will come over the inhabitants of paradise. The cloud will say to them, ‘What do you wish that I rain upon you?’ Whatever they wish for will be rained upon them.” Kathir ؓ said, “If Allah gives me the opportunity, I will definitely ask the cloud to rain for me beautiful women. *[Ibn Abee Dunya]*

Ibn Abbas ؓ narrates that Rasulullah ﷺ said, “The person who falls in love, remains chaste, conceals this [from others], and dies is a shaheed.”

The youth especially should strive to remain chaste in order to gain this virtue.

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said,

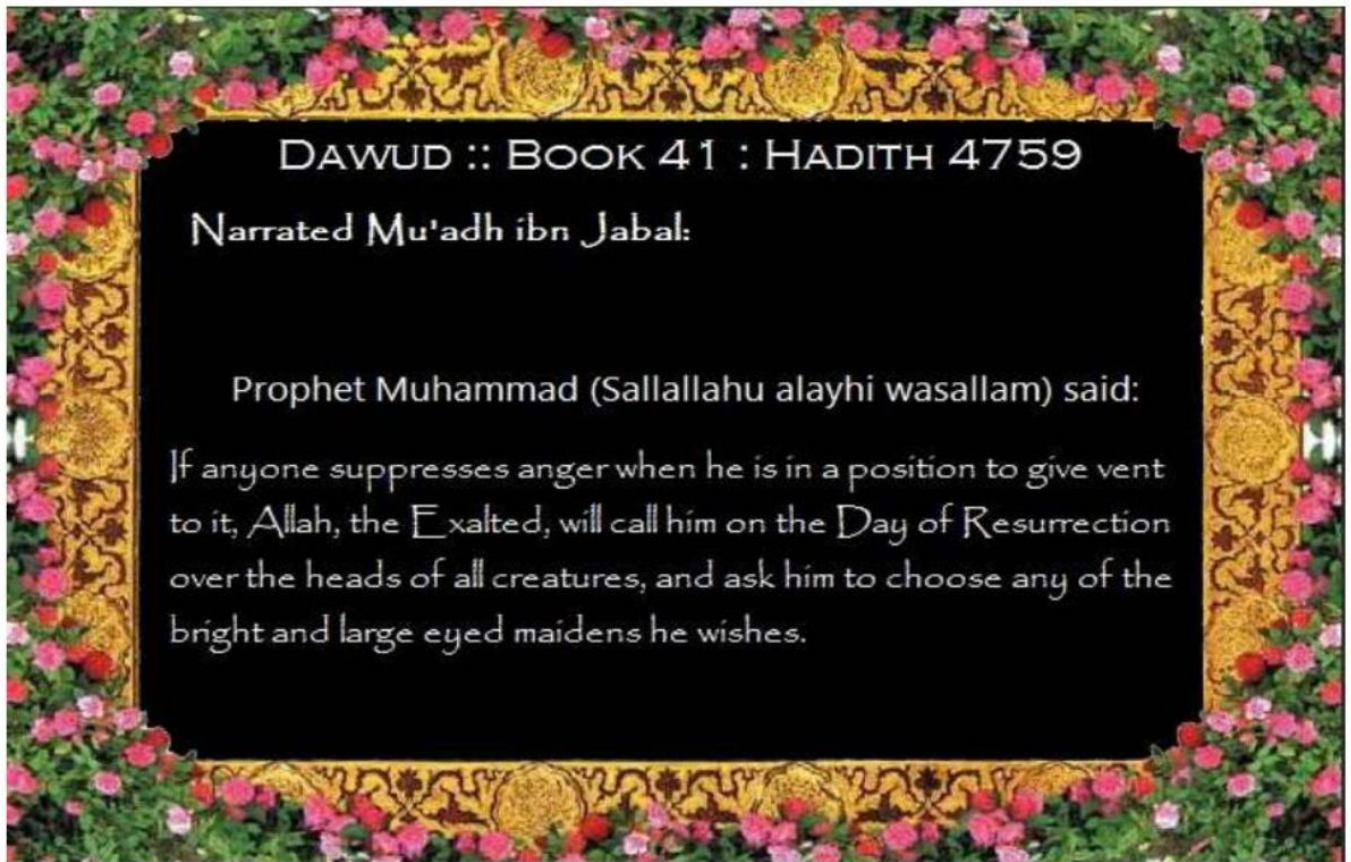
A Shaheed will have 7 qualities when he reaches Allah :

1. His sins will be forgiven upon the first drop of his blood, i.e. he will see his place in paradise.
2. He will receive protection from the punishment of the grave.
3. He will be in security from the great fear, i.e. day of judgement. --
4. A crown of honour will be placed on his head. One ruby from this crown is better than the world and all it contains.
5. **He will marry 72 wives from the hurs.**
6. He will intercede on the behalf of 70 of his relatives.
7. He' will be made to wear clothes Iman (faith).

[Tirmidhee, Ahmad, Tabarani]

How to gain more wives in paradise ?

“Those who repress their anger and pardon people. Verily, Allah loves the good doers.”
(Surah Al-Imran, 134)



Suppressing one's anger will cause him on the Day of Judgement to choose any of the Hoor-al-ayn he likes !!

Imam Razi ؒ in his Tafsir, mentions that Allah ﷻ will give a believer as many wives as Allah ﷻ desires for every good deed that the believer does.

[Tafsir Razi 15/168 - Darul Fikr, Beirut]

The exact number of wives for each person will vary according to a person's obedience to Allah ﷻ and his level in paradise. Thus, we should try to do as many good deeds in this world in order to enter paradise and thereafter gain as many wives as possible.

And Allah ﷻ says:

“And no soul knows what has been hidden for them of comfort for eyes as reward for what they used to do”.

(Surah As-Sajda, 17)



Advice from the Author

Take everything you see as a reminder of paradise and hell.

For Example :

When you fry your potato chips and you see hot boiling oil, this can be reminder of Hell, (Hell's fire is 70 times more hot than worldly fire)

The same is with paradise, when you see something that you like, you can take that thing as a reminder for paradise **(Even though The Worldly things you like are nothing when compared with the things of Paradise)**

According to my research; if you spend 2 hours of your time without doing anything useful on a daily basis and continue this for 20 years then at the end of these 20 years you would have wasted 1 ½ years !!!!!

Why don't you do Dhikr ?

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

Is one of you so weak that he cannot acquire a thousand good deeds everyday?

So a questioner from amongst those sitting there asked him ; “How can anyone of us gain a thousand rewards? He ﷺ said, “Say

SubhanAllah (Glory be to Allah)

A hundred times, so a thousand good deeds are written for him or a thousand sins are cancelled for him.

La Hawla wa la Quwatta illa Billah

(There is no Might or Power except with Allah)

[The above is] a treasure from the treasures of Paradise.

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said :

Whosoever, reaches the morning & reaches the evening and he says :

SubhanAllahí wa bihamdíhi

(Glory be to Allah and Praise Him)

One hundred times (**100 in the morning and 100 in the evening**), then no one brings anything better than him on the Day of Judgment, than what he has brought. Except the one who says what he has said, or has said more than him.

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said :

Shall I not show what will be better for you than a servant? If you lie down on your bed, then say *SubhanAllah* **33 times**, and say *Al-hamdulillaah* **33 times**, and say *Allahu akbar* **34 times**.

SubhanAllahí wa bihamdíhi, Subhan-Allahí 'l Adheem

(Glory be to Allah, and Praise, Glory be to Allah, the Supreme)

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: “Two words are light on the tongue, weigh heavily in the balance, they are loved by the Most Merciful One.”

SubhanAllahí 'l adheem wa biHamdíhi

(Glory be to Allah, The Supreme, and Praise Him)

A palm tree is planted for the reciter [of the above] in Paradise.

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

"Whoever guides anyone to goodness, his reward shall be the same as those who follow his guidance without lessening a bit of their reward. And whoever guides anyone astray; his sin shall be the same as the sin of the person who follows him without lessening a single bit of their sin."

[Muslim]

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